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Comparing Free Time Between Instant Message Chat Members

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**Amendment**

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Introductory Comments

This paper is being filed in response to the Office Action dated August 7, 2007.

Please amend the above-referenced patent application as follows: